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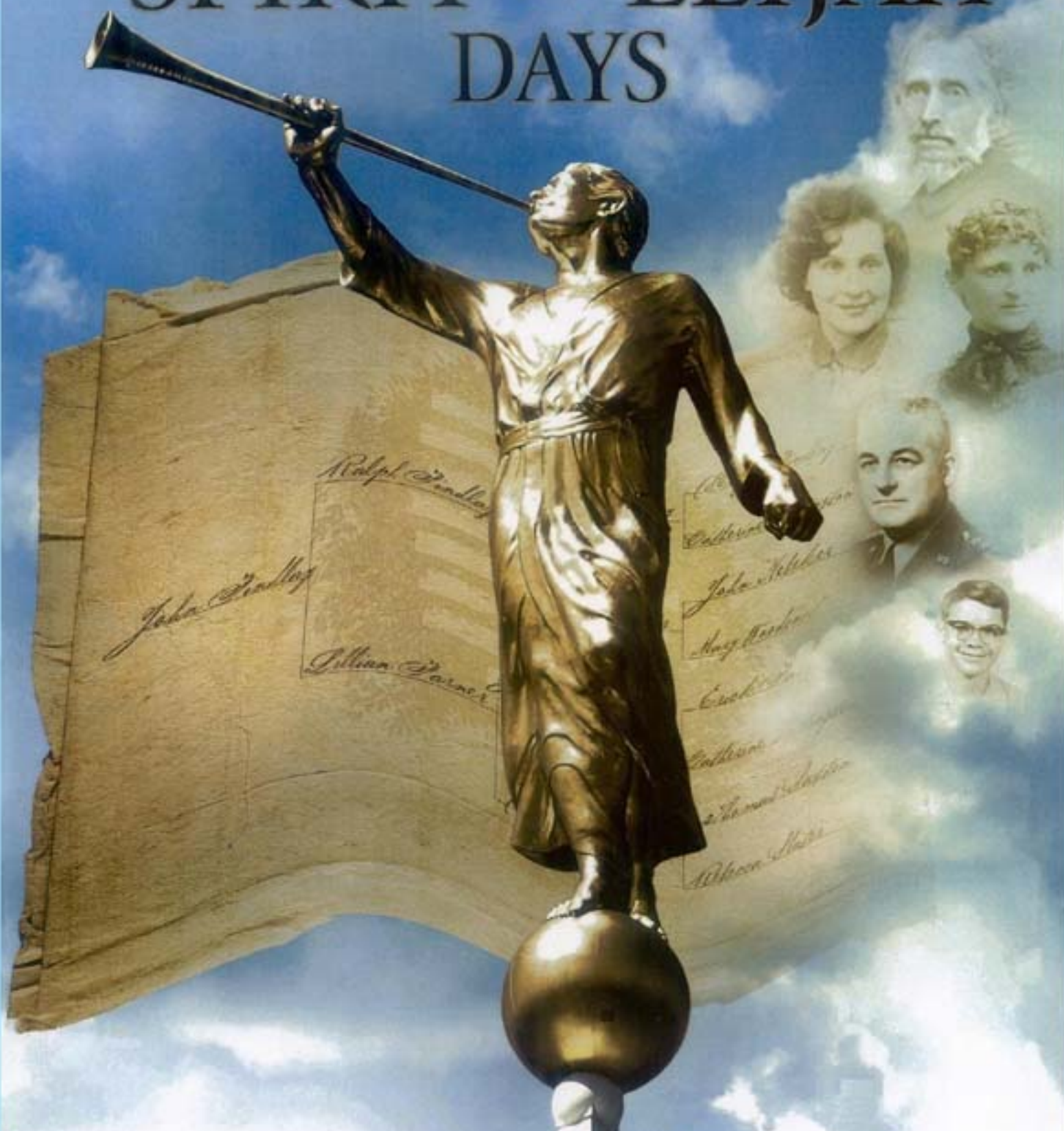
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SPIRIT OF ELIJAH DAYS



"BEHOLD, I WILL SEND YOU ELIJAH THE PROPHET BEFORE THE COMING OF THE GREAT AND DREADFUL DAY OF THE LORD: AND HE SHALL TURN THE HEART OF THE FATHERS TO THE CHILDREN, AND THE HEART OF THE CHILDREN TO THEIR FATHERS, LEST I COME AND SMITE THE EARTH WITH A CURSE. MALACHI 4:5-6

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THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME CONFUSION...

There seems to be some confusion concerning Samuel M. Day and his alleged brother Miles Day. They could be one and the same man. They were born close to the same year and Miles has a place in the 1840 census with Samuel but since we are guessing as to the identity of the children in the 1840 census, then we could be wrong.

1840 Federal Census age 5

Pendleton County, Virginia, United States

DAY, Leonard

free white males 4 & under [George age 3]; 4 & under [Miles age 4??]; 4 & under [Samuel age 5]; 5-9 [Aaron age 7]; 10-14 [Joshua age 11]; 15-19 [Isaac age 13]; 15-19 [Sampson age 15]; 15-19 [Solomon age 17]; 30-39 [Leonard age 40]
free white females 5-9 [Mary age 9]; 30-39 [Rachel age 40]

Even though we had a place for Samuel and Miles in the above census we could have missed another son who died before the 1850 census. So, don't think Samuel and Miles are two different people according to my above notes.

Samuel M. Day is listed in the 1850 census age 15 living with his parents but Miles is absent from that census. Miles should be age 14...too young to be out on his own.

1850 Federal Census age 15

Allegheny Mountain, North Fork and Reeds Creek, Pendleton County, Virginia, United States

DAY, Leonard w m 49; Rachael w f 50; Joshua w m 20; Mary w f 19; Aaron w m 17; Samuel M. w m 15; George W. w m 13; Eliza w f 9; Benjamin w m 7

Samuel M. Day is listed in the 1860 census age 25 living with his parents but Miles is also absent from that census.

1860 Federal Census age 25

Harpers Mill Post Office, Pendleton County, Virginia, United States

DAY, Leonard w m 60; Rachl w f 60; Saml M. w m 25; Eliza w f 19; Benjn P. w m 16

Granted, Miles could have been out on his own by the 1860 census but checking for a Miles Day in the 1860 census of Pendleton or Randolph County provided no results.

SAMUEL M. DAY'S ALLEGED DEATH...

Some on the Internet claim Samuel M. Day died in 1865 at Salisbury Prison, Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina and others claim he died on the 8th of August 1897 in Humboldt, Humboldt County, Iowa while others claim he died in 1865 in Warwickshire, England.

Some state he married a Caroline (**RICHARDSON**) 1841-1916 and is buried in the Union Cemetery, Humboldt, Humboldt County, Iowa see [Find A Grave Memorial# 33621664](#).

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One fact that is obvious, Samuel disappears after the 1860 census; leading me to believe he enlisted in the Civil War.

Looking for the Samuel M. Day that married Caroline (**RICHARDSON**) from the above FAG information I could not find a marriage record. In the FAG Memorial they state they had a son; Charles Henry Day born 1859, which eliminates this Samuel M. Day as our subject since **OUR** Samuel M. Day was still living with his parents in the 1860 census.

Therefore, we can eliminate the death date of the 8th of August 1897 in Humboldt, Humboldt County, Iowa. This leaves us with the death of 1865 in Warwickshire, England and 1865 Salisbury Prison, Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina.

Checking FAG for Samuel Day in Rowan County, North Carolina produced no results. Checking FAG under Salisbury National Cemetery produced no results. Checking the www.Interment.net Website looking for Day burials produced no results. Even looking for Samuel Day in Virginia and West Virginia on FAG produced no results. Therefore, we cannot substantiate his burial in North Carolina or in one of the Virginia states.

SAMUEL M. DAY'S WAR RECORD...

Consequently, it appears Samuel M. Day disappears after the 1860 census and without a war record we cannot determine when he enlisted and what was his disposition.

Checking www.ancestry.com for a Samuel Day participating in the Civil War I found the following...

[1] Samuel Day in the U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865

Name: Samuel Day Side: **Confederate** Regiment State/Origin: **Virginia** Regiment Name: 12 Virginia Cavalry Regiment Name Expanded: 12th Regiment, Virginia Cavalry **Company: D** Rank In: Private Rank In Expanded: Private Rank Out: Private Rank Out Expanded: Private Film Number: M382 roll 15

[2] Samuel Day in the U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865

Name: Samuel Day Side: **Confederate** Regiment State/Origin: **Virginia** Regiment Name: 146 Va Militia Regiment Name Expanded: 146th Regiment, Virginia Militia **Company: K** Rank In: Private Rank In Expanded: Private Rank Out: Private Rank Out Expanded: Private Film Number: M382 roll 15

[3] Samuel M. Day in the U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865

Name: Samuel M. Day Side: **Confederate** Regiment State/Origin: **Virginia** Regiment Name: 49 Virginia Infantry Regiment Name Expanded: 49th Regiment, Virginia Infantry **Company: D** Rank In: Private Rank In Expanded: Private Rank Out: Private Rank Out Expanded: Private Film Number: M382 roll 15

[4] Samuel M. Day in the U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865

Name: Samuel M. Day Side: **Confederate** Regiment State/Origin: **Virginia** Regiment Name: 4 Virginia Infantry Regiment Name Expanded: 4th Regiment, Virginia Infantry

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If you notice all four of these Samuel's were from Virginia and they were all confederates. Which leads me to ask, if **OUR** Samuel M. Day died in a confederate Prison in Salisbury in 1865, why was he in a Confederate Prison? Unless, he worked there.

Without see these four men's war records and collaborating evidence, we cannot be sure if one of these men is our Samuel M. Day.

CONCERNING MILES DAY...

As stated before, Miles does not show up in the 1850 or 1860 census records. And he should still be living with his parents. Some on the Internet believe he married 1st Bridget (_____) date unknown and 2nd Annie (**BLAND**) on 17 September 1877 Keyser, Mineral County, West Virginia.

They also believe Miles is the one who died in 1865 at Salisbury Prison, Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina and/or he died in 1865 in Warwickshire, England.

Using the same criteria as we did for Samuel, looking for Miles Day on FAG, we found one listed at Find A Grave Memorial# 142794827.

This memorial shows him as the spouse of Anna (**BLAND**), however, since the author of the memorial did not list a photo of the headstone, or knew his birth date or death date leads me to suspect they were guessing as to his burial information and location.

What I found was **David Miles Day** born April 1853 in Pendleton County, Virginia son of Aaron H. and Sarah "Sallie" (**PHARES**) Day **NOT** the son of Leonard and Rachel (**HARMON**) Day married 1st Anna "Annie" Catherine (**BLAND**) daughter of George Washington and Margaret (**SKIDMORE**) Bland in 1877 as stated above. This man is the one listed in the Find A Grave Memorial# 142794827.

David Miles Day died after the 1920 census and before the 1930 census. His second or third wife; Mary Jane (**PENNINGTON**) Day died in 1945. Mary's death certificate states she is the daughter of _____ Pennington and Nancy (**CONRAD**).

However, many on the Internet think she is the daughter of Reuben H. and Martha E. (**PENNINGTON**) Pennington, which is in error. Reuben's daughter; Mary Jane (**PENNINGTON**) married a _____ Hedrick and she is listed as a widow living with her parents in the 1910 census.

Our Mary Jane (**PENNINGTON**) married David Miles Day in 1904 and she is living with him in the 1910 census.

At this point, what we have discovered about Miles Day who allegedly was born 1836 and supposedly is the son of Leonard and Rachel (**HARMON**) Day...from the time of his birth there is NO record of him.

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He is not listed in the 1850 or 1860 census and some on the Internet believe **HE** is the one who died in 1865 at Salisbury Prison, Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina or he died in 1865 in Warwickshire, England during the civil war.

Checking the www.ancestry.com website for a Miles Day as a participant in the civil war provided no results. Looking for a marriage of a Miles Day provided no results.

Checking Census records after 1860 provided no results. It appears Miles Day was **NOT** a son of Leonard and Rachel (**HARMON**) Day and I think Samuel's middle name was Miles and we have created two individuals where only one exists.

Therefore, according to my research with the sources I have as of this date, I am reasonably convinced Samuel M. Day and Miles Day is one and the same person. My records are going to reflect this conclusion.

Further research needs to be into those 4 Samuel Day civil war records and newspaper articles in the Pendleton County, Virginia now West Virginia area especially near Harpers Mill circa 1865, where Samuel's father: Leonard Day was living in the 1860 census.

Until someone can refute my conclusions, I don't think there ever was a Miles Day, since he cannot be substantiated in **ANY** census, document, and/or descendant research.

I believe because several men used the name of Miles, many jumped to the conclusion he was a son of Leonard and Rachel's and posted him without doing any real research.

A headstone or newspaper article verifying his family ties to Leonard and Rachel is about the only way this can be positively resolved. Otherwise, my records are going to show Samuel Miles Day.

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A Little Something About Your Author.....

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At the age of 19, Mr. Pratt embarked on a career in law enforcement. This experience gave him training in detective and investigative skills. Little did Mr. Pratt know, how useful these skills would be in the field of genealogy.

Floyd started his family research career in 1975 after becoming a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. His first calling as a new member was to serve in the newly created genealogical department or known today as the Family History Center in the Springfield, Missouri ward. This two-year calling gave Mr. Pratt a tremendous amount of experience helping others to research their families.

In fact, he felt family research came easy and required little effort on his part. In reality, years of reading and studying increased his expertise and he made it look easy to others. Over the course of several years, Mr. Pratt was asked by his church to instruct several family history courses. This experience established a deep profound love for family and ancestors. It was not uncommon for Mr. Pratt to spend 4 to 8 hours a day researching and compiling family histories in addition to his duties, as an entrepreneur in the insurance business.

The first major achievement for Mr. Pratt was a breakthrough on his Pratt family back to the early 1800's. Due to confusion with Pratt ancestors and not satisfied with just the direct line research, Mr. Pratt branched out to research all connected lines and allied families.

This dedication led to 50,000 individuals in his database and has achieved expert status for Mr. Pratt on the families of middle and eastern Missouri, eastern and western Tennessee and central North Carolina.

Concerning Mr. Pratt's style of research, he is a strong supporter of the "hands on" approach. When he took family vacations, they usually went to libraries, cemeteries, courthouses, National Archive centers, and visited family members in various states. He attended family reunions and obtained his material from the actual sources when possible.

Being a researcher of the highest degree, in 1991, Mr. Pratt created  **Pratt Publications**.

He began to offer to the public, a series of books titled, **Pratt Progenitor Papers**. This series of volumes are a collection of legal documents, stories, pictures and historical presentations concerning the families of Missouri, Tennessee and North Carolina.

The first three Volumes were released to the public in 1991 and were issued to 18 different libraries including the Library of Congress and the St. Louis Public Library. The next 11 volumes were sent to the Salt Lake Genealogical Library with 60 volumes scheduled for publication.

In 1996, Mr. Pratt created the  **Genealogical Institute** to further the education of serious researchers.

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The **Genealogical Institute** offers a series of educational materials to teach and instruct the novice as well as advanced researchers, procedures Mr. Pratt has tried and tested to be of great value in family history research. These courses offer “a hands on” curriculum designed to instruct in investigative, deductive reasoning and logical techniques for tracking your family history. Many have found a treasure chest of knowledge when undertaking these courses.

Mr. Pratt has taken the hobby of genealogy and has enhanced it into a science. Heavy on instructions concerning documentation, research procedures, alternative sources and common public records, these courses are valuable tools for the family history researcher. Mr. Pratt has been informed by researchers his material found in his publications are recorded as source validation for such organizations as the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Upon completion of the educational courses from the **Genealogical Institute**, the graduate is awarded the *Master Accreditation* of the *Genealogical Institute*. (*M.A.G.I.*) Written in easy to read format with detailed explanations concerning various subjects of interest to family history researchers.

Mr. Pratt’s ability in family history research has amazed many experienced researchers. When Mr. Pratt is asked for help concerning their “brick wall” in their family research, his quick wit and logical mind rapid fires instructions and procedures so fast they cannot write the material quickly enough. Little do they realize, this knowledge has been acquired over 40 years of research.

In June of 2000, Mr. Pratt undertook a new and unprecedented task. Outside of Washington, Saint John’s Township, Franklin County, Missouri is an old cemetery called the Johnson-Caldwell Cemetery aka; misnamed the McAllister Cemetery. This cemetery has many pioneer heroes and ancestors of various descendants from that region. Some of the inhabitants were born in the 1750’s and arrived in the Missouri Territory shortly after the 1803 Louisiana Purchase.

Mr. Pratt recorded all the information off of the headstones including every person in the cemetery and researched each individual related to Mr. Pratt or not. 1000 man-hours and two years later, he published the book “**JOHNSON-CALDWELL CEMETERY OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI**”©.

Obtaining newspapers, legal documents, talking to ancestors and researching various sources for any and all information concerning the history of the cemetery and the inhabitants produced this master text.

What makes this book unique is based on several factors. First, it is the only book to report on each inhabitant, their birth and activities throughout their life until their death, including their ancestors, spouses and children. Second, this book contains a unique index, listing the individual and their father’s name if known. This is extremely helpful when several individuals have the same given name.

Upon examination, professional researchers have hailed this body of work as a masterpiece and a standard in which all future research should be based. No one has ever produced a body of work as unique and professional as this publication.

As the years moved on, Mr. Pratt became concerned about his 40 years of hard research work of various family histories. After a serious heart attack in 2012, Mr. Pratt decided to post his collective bodies of work on a website making them available to all interested researchers without compensation.

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After careful consideration, Mr. Pratt chose the website www.openlibrary.org. "Open Library" is a repository of millions of digital books available to the public for free.

There are two or more ways to access Mr. Pratt's publications.

If you open the website as listed above you click on the authors label on the left hand side and type Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I. The website will open to his name, click his name and you will be directed to a listing with his name, picture and listing of presently 62 publications (2015).

You can either scroll the list or an easier way to reach his lists is at the following website...

<https://openlibrary.org/people/floydpratt59/lists>

If you notice there are currently 9 lists or categories of books, article, stories and commentaries attributed to Mr. Pratt's publications.

These "Lists" are broken down as follows not necessarily in any order...

Vital Text Series This section covers public vital records. Including marriage records, deeds, census records, births, deaths, probate and indexes to public records. The counties of Missouri covered are as follows; Crawford, Washington, Franklin, Gasconade, St. François, Ste. Genevieve, and Jefferson counties.

Pratt Archive Collections This Collections comprises of a series of books containing cemeteries, family histories, biographies and various books by individual authors. There are several sections with this group... **Cemeteries** contain documented census information for various cemeteries in Crawford, Washington and Franklin Counties of Missouri. **Family Histories** are a collection of historical books concerning a group of a family or family names.

CRADLE TO GRAVE (C2G) PROFILE The Cradle to Grave Profile (C2G) documents an individual's life from the cradle to the grave. All known research material concerning that individual is represented in a family group sheet format. These C2G profiles are presented to the researcher within a family group sheet detailing the husband, his spouses and all known children. Regardless of how many times the subject has been married, the researcher receives a full report on all known spouses and children for one low fee.

The Pratt Chronicles... The Pratt Chronicles series or what we call a Cradle to Grave (C2G) profile on steroids, is an in-depth comprehensive biography on one individual's life encompassing all known events, including historical factors from the time of their birth to their burial. These events are comprised of current music, inventions, movies, family births, deaths, marriages, legal documents, occupations, military participation, pictures, maps, mementos, world history, US history and economic conditions as they occurred on a yearly basis.

LITERARY HISTORY SERIES contains rare books concerning family history written by other authors...many who are deceased. These books were bought over the years and now enjoy the status of a rare find in the genealogical library.

VIEW FROM THE MAST... Over the years, Mr. Pratt has found it necessary to write articles concerning observations concerning various family history topics or what we call personal artifacts. These reports, articles and short stories are contained in this section labeled...View From the Mast.

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Having a unique perspective from the top of mast on the sailing ship of discovery, Mr. Pratt has sailed through the waters of family history research for the last 40 years. These articles were designed to bring to the attention of family historians some unusual details he has witnessed during his research tenure.

Genealogical Institute M.A.G.I. Courses These courses were developed over the years to assist the novice as well as the professional in all manners pertaining to family history research. Written in easy to read format with detailed explanations concerning various subjects of interest to family history researchers.

Pratt Progenitor Papers Series This series is comprised of the famous **Pratt Progenitor Papers**. Starting with a known ancestor, this collection covers 2 or more generations of descendants. Each volume follows a particular individual and his descendants including children, grandchildren and spouses if known. Each of these volumes include legal and detailed information about a particular ancestor...many contain Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profiles. The order of reporting is as follows: 1st a Descendancy report on the primary, which is usually the husband; 2nd the primary or husband followed by all known wives, then 3rd the second generation comprising of all known children and their spouses, followed by additional subsequent generations of descendants. The **PPP** are light on speculation and assumptions, heavy on factual documentation offering research insights and suggestions.

ANCESTRAL FAMILY HISTORY OF... This book showcases a selected individual usually a living descendant, detailing their direct line ancestors as far as the research has been completed. This type of format is known as an enhanced pedigree chart. These books contain as many as 10 to 70 generations limited only by the number of ancestors of our primary individual. Whereas, pedigree charts list only the vitals on an individual, these books generate all known notes, articles, legal documents and if applicable, Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profiles on each and every direct line ancestor and their spouses.

When accessing Mr. Pratt's books on Open Library, click on the heading of each list and you will be directed to the books, articles, stories and commentaries contained in each section. Click on the title of the book or article you desire for a full explanation of the item with contents. On the upper right hand column, are the words "Read Online" and PDF. All of these publications have been uploaded to the Internet Archive Digital Library repository and you can access them directly at the following...
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We, in the genealogical world are deeply grateful to be associates of a man of Mr. Pratt's caliber. Through his research and dedication, future generations will benefit by his advances in the genealogical research field.

In addition we are thankful for the inspiration that sparks men like Mr. Pratt to magnify their love for people and history. We feel, with a lifetime dedicated to the genealogical pursuit of truth and knowledge, Mr. Pratt's accumulative body of work, will stand as a quintessential manifestation of this divine love.

Lewton Cole, Chairman
Genealogical Institute

Floyd Thomas "Tom" Pratt F. H. C., M. A. G. I. Pedigree Chart

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